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"AN ACT CONCERNING BOTTLE REDEMPTION IN THE STATE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 on Connecticut's recycling and beverage container redemption
5 programs. The task force shall: (1) Examine, review and analyze the
6 state's existing beverage container redemption law to assess its efficacy
7 in achieving the state's recycling goals and in promoting the use and
8 reuse of materials in an economically and environmentally sustainable
9 manner. Such analysis shall include the costs and benefits of said law
10 to the state's environment, consumers, retailers, deposit initiators and
11 municipalities and consider whether alternative redemption system
12 designs could offer improved efficiency and accountability as well as
13 options for improving the viability of small independently owned and
14 operated redemption centers; (2) evaluate the state of recycling
15 programs in the state and the opportunities for improving their
16 performance through the implementation of universal access to
17 recycling and deployment of best practices in recycling in households,
18 workplaces and public spaces, including an analysis of the incremental

19 costs and benefits of universal recycling access for the environment,
20 consumers, recycling industries and municipalities; and (3) analyze
21 alternative methods of collecting container glass for recycling and
22 reuse, recognizing the unique challenges posed by handling and
23 recycling glass. Such analysis of glass recycling options shall consider
24 relative levels of recovery of alternatives, system costs and costs per
25 ton and shall consider costs of the entire system from consumer to sale
26 to end-use market.

27 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

28 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
29 one of whom shall represent the nonalcoholic beverage industry and
30 one of whom shall represent municipal recycling programs;

31 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
32 of whom shall represent beer wholesalers and one of whom shall
33 represent chain food stores in the state;

34 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
35 Representatives who shall represent the recycling collection and
36 processing industry;

37 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall
38 represent independently owned and operated redemption centers in
39 the state;

40 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
41 Representatives who shall represent a state-based environmental
42 group with expertise in recycling;

43 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall
44 represent the recycling collection and processing industry with
45 expertise in glass recycling; and

46 (7) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or
47 the commissioner's designee.

48 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
 49 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
 50 of the General Assembly.

51 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
 52 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
 53 filled by the appointing authority.

54 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
 55 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
 56 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
 57 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
 58 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

59 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the
 60 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
 61 environment and finance shall serve as administrative staff of the task
 62 force.

63 (g) Not later than December 31, 2019, the task force shall submit a
 64 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 65 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 66 relating to the environment, finance, beverages and licensed
 67 wholesalers and retailers subject to beverage container redemption
 68 laws. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, any
 69 recommended legislation to facilitate the implementation of the
 70 recommendations developed pursuant to such study. Such task force
 71 shall terminate on the date that it submits the report pursuant to this
 72 section or December 31, 2019, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section